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SUBJECT: [redacted] - GARRISON INVESTIGATION - FRANK BARTES

REF: YOUR TELETYPE 78512, DATED 27 NOV 67, OUR TELETYPE 0089, DATED 27 NOV 67, YOUR TELETYPE 78543, DATED 29 NOV 67, OUR TELETYPE 0091, DATED 30 NOV 67

1. HAVING MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH ME, BARTES CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING TO GIVE ME SOME INFORMATION HE THOUGHT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE AGENCY. AFTER OUR DISCUSSION OF THAT MATTER, HE TOLD ME THAT ON 19 MAR 68 HE HAD, AT THE INSISTENCE OF HAROLD WEISBERG, AUTHOR OF "WHITEWASH" AND OTHER BOOKS ABOUT THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, MET WEISBERG IN THE LOBBY OF THE FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL HERE IN NEW ORLEANS. WEISBERG REQUESTED BARTES TO GO TO HIS ROOM IN THE FONTAINEBLEAU, SAYING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO TAPE THEIR CONVERSATION. BARTES REFUSED AND SAID THAT ANYTHING THAT WEISBERG HAD TO SAY TO HIM COULD BE SAID IN THE LOBBY. WEISBERG INSISTED THAT HE HAD THINGS IN HIS ROOM WHICH HE WOULD LIKE FOR BARTES TO SEE BUT BARTES STILL REFUSED TO GO TO HIS ROOM. WEISBERG WAS VERY MAD ACCORDING TO BARTES AND TRIED TO BLACKMAIL HIM BY SAYING THAT HE KNEW OF PEOPLE BY WHO INTENDED TO HARM HIM. BARTES DOES NOT SCARE EASILY AND HE TOLD WEISBERG THAT IF HE KNEW OF SUCH PEOPLE, HE SHOULD REPORT THEM TO THE POLICE, THAT IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HIM, WEISBERG WOULD FIND HIMSELF IN TROUBLE. ACCORDING TO BARTES, WEISBERG HAD SOME VERY BAD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT BOTH CIA AND THE FBI.

2. BARTES SAYS THAT HE REPORTED HIS MEETING WITH WEISBERG TO THE FBI IN NEW ORLEANS AND GAVE THEM A RUN-DOWN OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH WEISBERG.

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